

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Run-through shears adapted so that a user's hand is located at a distance from a workpiece and does not come into contact with the workpiece during cutting, comprising:

a shears head which is formed by a first shears-head limb with a first cutting blade and by a second shears-head limb with a second cutting blade, the shears-head limbs being made from a plastics material;

a first handle part and a second handle part each having an ergonomically shaped ~~hand~~ palm-abutment region, the first and second handle parts being made from a plastics material; and a rotary bearing; wherein:

a first handle-part/shears-head-limb combination and a second handle-part/shears-head-limb combination are formed;

the first handle part and the second handle part are respectively disposed in an angled manner relative to the shears head such that the first and second handle parts are disposed above the workpiece when the first and second handle parts are moved together and when the first and second handle parts are moved apart;

the rotary bearing enables pivoting of the handle-part/shears-head-limb combinations relative to one another;

the cutting blades are individual parts which are fixed on respective cutting-blade retaining regions of the associated shears-head limbs, and the parts forming the cutting blades are spaced away from the rotary bearing; and

a compression spring is disposed between the two handle-part/shears-head-limb combinations, said spring opening the shears head in a non-loaded state.

2. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein sliding surfaces of the rotary bearing are located outside the parts forming the cutting blades.
3. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein a sliding surface of the rotary bearing is formed on the associated handle-part/shears-head-limb combination outside of the associated cutting-blade retaining region.
4. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the cutting blades are made of metal.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the first handle-part/shears-head-limb combination is formed in one piece.
8. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the second handle-part/shears-head-limb combination is formed in one piece.
9. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the shears head has one or more guiding surfaces for spaced-apart guidance of cut material past the rotary bearing.
10. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein the first shears-head limb has a guiding surface for cut material.
11. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein the second shears-head limb has a guiding surface for cut material.

12. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein the one or more guiding surfaces are spaced away from the rotary bearing in a height direction.

13. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein each of the one or more guiding surfaces extends in a direction along a cutting edge of the associated cutting blade and in a direction which is at least approximately parallel to an axis of rotation of the rotary bearing.

14. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein each of the one or more guiding surfaces extends laterally outward on an associated shears-head limb, in the direction away from the associated cutting blade.

15. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 9, wherein the cutting blade projects beyond the associated guiding surface.

16. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the rotary bearing is disposed in an extension of the first cutting blade in a direction away from a distal end.

17. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the first handle-part/shears-head-limb combination has a recess in which the second handle-part/shears-head-limb combination is disposed in a rotatable manner.

18. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 17, wherein the recess is bounded toward a first side by the cutting-blade retaining region of the first shears-head limb.

19. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 18, wherein the recess is bounded toward a second side by the first handle part.

20. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 17, wherein the recess provides a blocking surface which limits an extent to which the shears head opens.

21. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 17, wherein a depth direction of the recess is parallel to an axis of rotation.

22. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein a bearing recess with a sliding surface is formed on one handle-part/shears-head-limb combination, and a shaft stub with an associated sliding surface is seated in a rotationally fixed manner on the other handle-part/shears-head-limb combination.

23. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the cutting blades are fixed on the associated shears-head limb via one or more fastening elements.

24. (Original) Run-through shears according to Claim 23, wherein the fastening elements are positively locking elements.

25. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 23, wherein the fastening elements are countersunk from a respective surface of at least one of the cutting blades.

26. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein one of the second handle part or an element connected to the second handle part is connected substantially at right angles to the second shears-head limb to form the second handle-part/shears-head-limb combination.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, further comprising a locking device for fixing the shears head in a closed position.

29. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 1, wherein the hand-abutment region of the first handle-part has a positioning cavity for a user's forefinger.

30. (Previously presented) Run-through shears according to Claim 29, wherein the positioning cavity is bounded by a protuberance forming an abutment surface for the user's middle finger.